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TAGS: CI, PINS, ICEM, SHUM

SUBJECT: DETAINEE RELEASE PROGRAM: ICEM APPEAL FOR
ASSISTANCE

REF: SANTIAGO 3466

1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN ITS SEPARATION OF ICEM'S LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAM FROM THAT OF ITS ASSISTANCE TO CHILEAN DETAINEES. THE FORMER IS ONE OF ICEM'S ONGOING PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO LOCATE AND RESETTLE SKILLED EUROPEAN MIGRANTS IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE U.S. HAS BEEN CONTRIBUTING OVER 50 TO THIS PROGRAM. THE U.S. CONTRIBUTION WAS REDUCED FROM OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN 1974 TO 750,000 DOLLARS IN 1975 AND IS SLATED FOR A FURTHER REDUCTION IN 1976. IN ADDITION, CONGRESS REDUCED THE ICEM APPROPRIATION BY 11 IN 1975 SO WE WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO REDUCE OUR CONTRIBUTION IN ANY EVENT.

2. CONCERNING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHILEAN REFUGEES, THE U.S. CONTRIBUTED 1.4 MILLION DOLLARS AT THE END OF FY 1974 TO THE UNHCR FOR ITS PROGRAMS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY
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OF THIS AMOUNT WAS TRANSFERRED TO ICEM WHICH HAS BEEN

WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UNHCR IN TRANSPORTATION .
AND RESETTLEMENT. THE UNHCR HAS ASKED FOR A FURTHER
CONTRIBUTION AND THIS IS UNDER CONSIDERATION, ALTHOUGH NO
FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER JULY 1. ICEM HAS RE-
CEIVED LUMP-SUM CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER MEMBER STATES FOR
ITS OPERATIONS IN CHILE AND HAS BEEN REIMBURSED FOR TRAVEL

COSTS BY COUNTRIES RESETTLING CHILEAN REFUGEES. NO DIRECT
ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ICEM BY THE U.S. FOR
CHILEAN REFUGEES.

2. THE EILBERG COMMITTEE APPROVED A PAROLE PROGRAM FOR UP
TO 400 CHILEAN DETAINEES PLUS THEIR FAMILIES, ALTHOUGH THE
COMMITTEE DID NOT MENTION CHILEAN REFUGEES IN PERU. THE
DEPUTY SECRETARY SENT A LETTER TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
ON APRIL 23 REQUESTING THAT HE EXERCISE HIS PAROLE AUTHOR-
ITY ON BEHALF OF CHILEAN REFUGEES. NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN
RECEIVED, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE POSITION OF THE
IMMIGRATION SERVICE IS NOT WHOLLY FAVORABLE. WE SHALL
INFORM THE EMBASSY WHEN A RESPONSE IS RECEIVED. ARA/BC
POUCHED COPY OF APRIL 23 LETTER AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL
TO EMBASSY ON MAY 1. INGERSOLL

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